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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YUKIO TANIGUCHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: LUK, OLIVIA T.
SERIAL NO: 10/656,202 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2812
FOR: CRYSTALLIZATION APPARATUS, :
CRYSTALLIZATION METHOD, AND
PHASE SHIFTER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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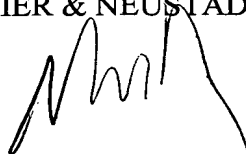
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 14, 2005, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-10 and 19-26, directed to an apparatus. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

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Accordingly, a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-10 and 19-26 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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